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SUBJECT: DUDLEY THOMPSON AND STONE-AGE STUPIDITY

REF: MEXICO 1680

1. DUDLEY THOMPSON, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND JAMAICA'S CHIEF DELEGATE TO THE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE, PHONED CHARGE YESTERDAY WITH COPIOUS DENIALS, CLARIFICATIONS, EXPANSIONS, AND CONTRACTIONS CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED CHARACTERIZATION OF US-CUBAN POLICY AS "STONE-AGE STUPIDITY" AT THE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE. THOMPSON'S BIZARRE BUT INTERESTING EXPLANATION OF THE INCIDENT IS THAT THE TARGET OF HIS STONE-AGE STUPIDITY REMARK WAS NOT THE UNITED STATES BUT THE SIX NATIONS THAT HAD SPOKEN PREVIOUSLY WITHOUT MENTIONING OR EVEN ACKNOWLEDGING THE EXISTENCE OF THE CUBAN ISSUE. ACCORDING TO THOMPSON, HE WAS DISTURBED BY THEIR MORAL COWARDICE IN EVADING WHAT IS OBVIOUSLY A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE, BUT THE TARGET COULD NOT HAVE BEEN THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE UNITED STATES HAD NOT YET SPOKEN.

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2. THOMPSON WAS A GOOD DEAL LESS CLEAR ON WHAT HE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE SAID TO THE PRESS IN MEXICO CITY

FOLLOWING THE SESSION IN WHICH HE MADE HIS NOW FAMOUS REMARK, BUT WHATEVER IT WAS HE SAID HE WAS MIS-QUOTED, ACCORDING TO HIM

3. THOMPSON MADE A BRIEF DENIAL OF ANY INTENTION TO SLANDER THE UNITED STATES ON HIS ARRIVAL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, AND WROTE A FORMAL LETTER TO THE NEWSPAPERS WHICH THEY PUBLISHED TODAY. HE ALSO PROVIDED US WITH A COPY OF THE LETTER WHICH WE ARE FORWARDING BY POUCH

4. COMMENT. EMBASSY SOURCES INDICATE THAT PRIME MINISTER MANLEY WAS IN A WHITE-FACED FURY WHEN HE FIRST HEARD OF THOMPSON'S PERFORMANCE IN MEXICO AND DISPOSED TO CONSIGN HIM TO OUTER DARKNESS (PERHAPS TO ETHIOPIA AS JAMAICA'S AMBASSADOR). BY THOMPSON'S OWN ADMISSION THE PM HAS REFUSED TO SEE HIM SINCE HIS RETURN, BUT IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THOMPSON WILL BE ABLE TO SLICK-TALK HIMSELF BACK INTO MANLEY'S GOOD GRACES AFTER EATING A LARGE SLICE OF HUMBLE PIE IN TERMS OF HIS LETTERS TO THE PAPERS AND HIS PHONE CALL TO US. HEWITT

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